

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 4-7, 14, 25, 33 and 34 are amended. No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-3, 8-13, 15-24 and 26 are allowed and claims 4-7, 14, 25, and 27-32 would be allowable if the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, are overcome. Because the rejections are overcome for the reasons described below, claims 4-7, 14, 25, and 27-32 are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, claims 33-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action alleges that claims 33-34 fail to recite bursting of the microcapsules. By this Amendment, claims 33-34 are revised for clarity to recite that the heating step "expands and/or bursts" the microcapsules. This is supported, for example, by Applicants' page 28, line 22 to page 30, line 24, and particularly by page 30, lines 9-14. Claim 33-34 are now clearly fully enabled and supported by the specification.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. Moreover, because claims 33-34 are not otherwise rejected, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 33-34 should be in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, claims 4-7, 14, 25, and 27-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

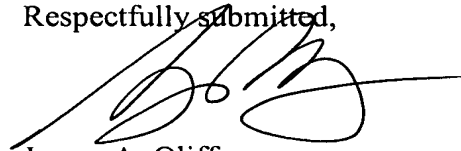
Claims 4-7 are amended for clarity and are now concise and definite. Claim 14 is amended for clarity and supported, for example, by Fig. 16. When read in light of the specification, the scope of claim 14 is concise and definite. Claim 25 is amended to remove the objectionable language. Claim 25 is thus concise and definite.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of all of pending claims 1-34 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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